

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE COAL TRADE.

The Scranton Strike—The Exodus from Schuylkill stopped—Complete Tonnage for the Week—Quotations, Etc.

The leading event of course the consummation of the strike in the Scranton region. So far as it concerns us, the strike is of very little account, that is unless undue advantage is taken of the situation by the operators. The immediate effect will be to steady prices at this port, but there will be no necessity whatever for a great rise in prices, the more especially as the season is pretty well over and our coal region can devote itself almost exclusively to supplying the city and the West for the winter. But even the New York market need not be much affected at present, as there is an abundance of stock already on hand at all the mines. Of course, the use of the interest of the New York companies to make a great rise in the price, so that all the coal which they have now on hand, and which they have more or less low rate, may be sold at high prices and at a large profit. Under the circumstances the company is under the impression of being concerned in bringing about the strike, which is undoubtedly to their interests. And not only are they directly interested in it, it is charged upon them in addition that they are always endeavoring to crush out individual operators, or an abnormal state of the market, either one way or the other, and such a state of things they can always bring about by reason of their power as owners both of the mines and of the transportation facilities. In their endeavors in this direction they have been particularly successful, at their own particular region.

Previous to the strike the men in Schuylkill, dissatisfied with what they called the "miserably low rate of wages," were procuring travelling tickets, and were making off in large numbers to the upper regions in the hope of obtaining work at the higher rate there paid. But the sudden and severe lowering of the rate of wages in the latter region has suddenly put a stop to all such intentions, and those who thought to better themselves now remain in Schuylkill, where they are mostly content to work for what they can get.

That the Scranton men should strike at the great reduction in wages which was suddenly put upon them was not to be wondered at, though strikes are always to be expected and avoided. The company made the great deduction with the expectation of leaving room for a compromise, they were for once mistaken in their calculations, and we are heartily glad of it. But if they purposely fixed the rate so low in order to precipitate the strike for their own interest, we are sorry that the men have fallen into the trap they set for them. The coal trade ought not to be arbitrarily ruled by a combination either on the side of men or employers, and anything looking towards the introduction of such demands on either side is to be welcomed by all who are in any way interested in the trade. A more just system than that in vogue is to be easily obtained when the present arrangement is personally found to work dissatisfactorily to all parties, and this state it is hoped is now nearly attained.

The striking parties are the men employed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, the Delaware and Hudson, and the Pennsylvania Coal Companies. It is by no means known as to how many have joined the strike, as it was only the Lackawanna Company that proposed to reduce wages. The strike in the regions worked by these companies is general, and some collieries have stopped in other regions, not on account of strikes, but from want of orders.

The following is the complete summary of the trade for the past week, as reported for the Potomac Miner's Journal of to-day:—

Table with columns for 1869 and 1870, showing weekly and total tonnage for various regions like Anthracite, Semi-Anthracite, and Bituminous.

*The quantity sent by rail for the three days ending Saturday the 3d of December was 33,263; by canal for three days, 17,776 tons; making together 51,039 tons.

The trade of the following roads for the three days up to Saturday, December 3, for the year 1870-71, sums up as follows:—

Table showing trade for various roads like Reading Road, Schuylkill Canal, and Lehigh Valley Road.

The market at this port is more steady both on account of the strike and the diminished supply. Consistent freights are lower.

The following are the prices of coal by the cargo at Port Richmond, for shipments east of Berks-town and south of Cape Henry, and for the use of the Delaware and Raritan Canal:—

Schuylkill Red Ash, \$4.10; do. do. Broken, \$4.00; do. do. Egg, \$3.90; do. do. Store, \$4.10; do. do. Chestnut, \$3.90; Shenandoah Broken, \$3.75; do. Egg, \$4; do. Store, \$4; do. Chestnut, \$3.

The following are the current rates of freights from Port Richmond for the week ending December 3:—

Boston, \$2.00; Fall River, \$2; Providence, \$1.90; Newport, \$2.15; Bridgeport, \$1.75; New Haven, \$1; Stamford, \$1.45; Brooklyn, \$1.35; New York, \$1.30; Albany, \$1.10; Troy, \$1; Hoboken, \$1.25; Annapolis, \$1; Baltimore, \$1; Petersburg, \$1.50; Washington, \$1.45; Georgetown, \$1.50; Richmond, \$1.50; Norfolk, \$1.50.

A WHOLESOME LESSON.—Yesterday morning a gentleman incurred the displeasure of one of the city ash men by refusing to pay fifteen cents a barrel, besides what was paid by the city for the removal of ashes. The man's anger was increased by smashing the barrels and tossing the contents about the street. The gentleman concluded it was about time to have a settlement with the contractor. He set a watch, caught the man in the act, took him before Alderman Patchell, who administered a lecture, and fined the man for having his ash cart uncovered, required him to give bail to keep the peace, and bound him over to appear at court to answer for the destruction of the gentleman's property. If citizens would only take the trouble to right themselves when outraged by such fellows, there would be fewer cases of this kind to record. The thanks of the community are due to the gentleman for energetically following the matter up, and to the Alderman for punishing the fellow as he deserved.

FOURTH EDITION

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

The Erie Railway Troubles.

Charge of Obstructing the Mails.

The National Board of Trade.

Terrible Boiler Explosion.

FROM NEW YORK.

Obstructing the Mails. NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—General Superintendent L. E. Rucker, of the Erie Railway, and Mr. Berthold, Superintendent of the Eastern Division, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Jackson at Jersey City to-day, on the charge of obstructing the passage of the United States mails at Bergen on Friday, the 2d inst. From the evidence given by the mail agents it was shown that eight or ten mails were obstructed, and that the approximate cause was the placing of locomotive No. 362, which Gardner Eismann was engineer, with two cars, in such manner across the tracks of the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad as to completely shut off all passage of those tracks.

This locomotive and two cars were ordered in that position by Rucker. On this evidence Commissioner Jackson discharged Berthold and holds Rucker in \$200 bail, Charles E. Eismann becoming his surety. Engineer Eismann will be held in a like amount.

National Board of Trade. BUFFALO, Dec. 10.—The National Board of Trade resumed its session this morning. An animated discussion took place on the subject of the resumption of specie payments. At 10 o'clock the board adjourned to visit Niagara Falls, and will resume the discussion to-night.

Railroad Consolidation. PORT ERIC, Ontario, Dec. 10.—The Peninsula Railway, from Lansing to Chicago, and the Michigan Midland, from St. Clair to Lansing, have resolved to consolidate with a view to forming a connection with the Canada Southern Railroad.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Treasury Statement. Dispatch to the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Receipts of fractional currency for the week, \$33,906. Shipments—Notes, \$4,598,014; fractional currency, \$59,557. The Treasurer has security for the national bank circulation, \$36,181,720; and for deposits of public moneys, \$1,584,500. Mutilated notes burned during the week, \$20,700. Total amount burned, \$20,700. Bank currency issued for bills destroyed during the week, \$204,590. Total issued therefor, \$20,500. Balance on hand, \$1,485,485. Bank circulation outstanding at this date, \$20,522,534. Fractional currency redeemed and destroyed, \$67,906.

FROM THE SOUTH.

Locomotive Explosion. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 10.—An engine on the Virginia and Georgia road exploded this morning, killing the conductor and fireman, and seriously injuring the engineer.

FROM NEW ENGLAND.

A Jury Disagree. BOSTON, Dec. 10.—The trial of Woods and Sullivan, for the murder of William Brayley, resulted in the disagreement of the jury.

Shipment of Specie. NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Export of specie to-day \$426,000.

THE MORTALITY OF THE CITY.—The number of deaths in the city for the week ending to-day was 241, being an increase of 6 from those of last week and a decrease of 11 as compared with the corresponding period of 1869. Of these 127 were adults; 119 were minors; 169 were born in the United States; 55 were foreign; 4 were people of color; and 4 were from the country. Of the 127 deaths, 44 died of consumption of the lungs; 10 of disease of the heart; 11 of marasmus; 10 of old age; 8 of typhoid fever; 11 of convulsions; 8 of scarlet fever; 16 of inflammation of the lungs; 7 of congestion of the brain; 8 of debility; and 1 of cholera infantum.

Table showing deaths by ward for the week ending to-day, including First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Total.

AUDITORS APPOINTED.—The following auditors have been recently appointed in the Orphan's Court for the city and county of Philadelphia:—

Robert Bethel, Esq., to audit, settle, and adjust the account of Nicholas B. Usher, guardian of the estate of Catharine L. Usher, a minor; William D. Baker, Esq., to audit, settle, and adjust the account of Charlotte W. and Samuel Wetherill, trustees of the estate of Martha Wetherill; also, to audit, settle, and adjust the account of Thomas Cadwallader, Esq., executor and trustee of the last will of James Hamilton, Esq., deceased.

George W. Spiese, Esq., to audit, settle, and adjust the account of John Bellange Cox, administrator of Anthony Bracon, Esq., deceased.

Charles B. Freeman, Esq., to audit, settle, and adjust the account of James G. and Harriet G. Clark, executors of the estate of John G. Clark, M. D.

BANKRUPTCY CASES.—In the U. S. District Court, before Hon. John Cadwalader, the following cases were taken for hearing on Wednesday, December 14:—Albert H. Gilbert, for cause; Lewis Fink, for cause; John Young, for cause; Arnold, Nustbaum & Nirdlinger, for cause; George N. Terrance & Co., for cause; Dunkle & Driesbach, report of Register; Charles Oakford, for cause; Richard Hitchens, report of Register; William C. Aswood, sur. petition; John B. Cook, for discharge; Thomas Mead, for discharge; Elijah W. Ziegler, for discharge.

THE PARISH OF THE PARK.—NATIONAL RAILROAD COMPANY EMPLOYEES IN CUSTODY.—Yesterday afternoon three of the employees of the Civil Engineer Corps of the National Railroad Company made their appearance on the eastern portion of Fairmount Park and began making a survey for a driving stake for the contemplated road. Captain Chastice followed them for a few moments and arrested them. They were taken before Alderman Alexander, who held them for a further hearing on Monday.

FATAL CASUALTY.—Mrs. Margaret Metis, aged 60 years, residing at Twenty-second and Sumner streets, was killed this morning between 10 and 11 o'clock, at Sixteenth and Arch streets, by being trampled under the feet of a horse attached to a fire wagon. The coroner held an inquest and exonerated the driver. It seems that she was crossing the street in the rear of a wagon some work, and came in contact with the feed wagon coming east.

ANOTHER WIFE BEATER.—William Donnelly, living at No. 2035 Alder street, was yesterday held by Ald. Dallas to answer the charge of wife beating. William only a week ago had been before the same magistrate on the same charge. On that occasion he promised that he would never drink another drop of whiskey, and never again touch his wife, but last evening he came home intoxicated, and the first thing he did was to assault his better-half.

FIFTH EDITION

THE LATEST NEWS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Quiet at the White House. Dispatch to the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Matters at the Executive Mansion to-day are exceedingly quiet. The President is in attendance at the luncheon at the late Mon. N. ram Walbridge.

Funeral of General Walbridge. The funeral of the late General Hiram Walbridge took place to-day from Ingleside, several miles from Washington. The pall-bearers were Hon. Horace Greely, Judge Casey, Secretary Boutwell, General Sherman, Hon. Benjamin Butler, Speaker Blake, Senators Wilson, Fenton, and Nye, General Banks, Representative Peck, of Ohio; Colonel Murray, of New York; President Grant, accompanied by his secretary, General Porter; and all the members of the Cabinet, with the exception of Postmaster-General Creswell, who is absent from the city, were present, together with a number of members of both houses of Congress, and other gentlemen of prominence, and many ladies. The remains of General Walbridge were also in the mournful throng with the immediate family of the deceased.

The casket containing the remains had an outer casing of rosewood, and was adorned with wreaths and crosses of choice flowers, and the face of the deceased was exposed to view. On the wall was a full-length picture of the General, taken in his earlier years.

FIRES.

A Number of Lawyers Miss an Office.—Narrow Escape of a Boy—Three Stores on North Second Street Damaged. At about 6 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in building No. 124 E. Sixth street, and before any water could be put on the flames had extended to the roof, and in consequence of there being no out-letting walls, and the shingles being covered with tin, the adjoining houses to the north and south were much damaged. No. 124 was occupied by the first floor by Daniel Donohue as a drinking saloon, and the front second story room by Charles Henry Jones, the Park Solicitor. Mr. Jones is fully insured. The rest of the building was used as a boarding-house by Mrs. Abigail J. Drake. She accommodated about twenty boarders, all of whom were severely by water. The building is owned by John J. Royer. The fire originated in the attic occupied by a man named Wilson, a secret writer, who had a fellow who was asleep in the apartment was awakened by the singeing of his hair.

No. 124 was occupied on the lower floors by William M. Bull, Henry T. Coleman, Benjamin Daniels, Thomas Wagner, Jr., and George W. Arundel, attorneys. The remainder of the house was occupied by Mrs. Vanree as a dwelling. The whole building was completely flooded. There is no insurance. The lower floor of No. 122 was devoted to lawyers' offices, and was occupied by B. L. Temple and W. H. Rochester. The fire was the principal cause of loss in this structure.

No. 120 was occupied on the first floor by Horn R. Kease, Charles J. Kease, P. T. Kease, and Elijah Thomas, lawyers, and the Manufacturers' Insurance Company. The third story was occupied by a Mr. West and family. Mrs. West and her mother-in-law had given birth to a girl, and it was with considerable difficulty that she was removed.

Nos. 128 and 140 on the south, used on the lower floors as lawyers' offices, and the upper floors as boarding houses, were considerably damaged by water.

During the alarm for the fire on South Sixth street another fire was discovered on the fourth floor of the building No. 58 North Second street, occupied by B. B. Wardin & Co., manufacturers and wholesale dealers in tinware. The alarm was promptly sounded and the firemen as quickly responded. The fire had made considerable headway before the flames were discovered, destroying the roof and communicating to the third floor. The origin of the flames is not known. The third and fourth floors were used as workshops, and there was a large stock of material on hand. The flames also communicated to the third and fourth floors of the building No. 60, occupied by Nusbaum & Bacharach, clothing, and the fourth floor of No. 56, on the south, occupied by J. C. Moore & Co., dealers in clothing. The fire in the latter structure was extinguished by the firemen, and the loss cannot be definitely ascertained, but it is, however, covered by insurance.

The fire destroyed a considerable quantity of clothing on the third and fourth floors of the clothing house, and a portion of the stock on the lower floors was greatly damaged by water. The fire insurance patrol was in the upper part of the building, and vice in this building by means of their oil covers. The firm of Nusbaum & Bacharach estimated the value of their stock at \$15,000, upon which there is an insurance of \$10,000 in the Delaware Mutual and North America Companies. The insurance will fully cover the loss.

J. C. Moore & Co. sustain only a slight loss by fire, while their stock of oil is damaged to an extent of a few hundred dollars. They have an insurance of \$2000 in the Spring Garden Insurance Company. Messrs. Eli Keese & Son, dealers in soap, caps, and mear goods, No. 62 N. Second street, sustain a loss of about \$400 by water in the basement of their building.

DIVORCE CASES.—Mrs. John Walter gives notice to her husband, John Walter, that she intends to go it alone unless he comes into Court next Saturday and opposes her doing so; and Mrs. Charlotte Dawson gives her husband, James V. Dawson, similar information.

FELL INTO THE SCHUYLKILL.—John Conway, aged 10 years, fell into the Schuylkill last night, in the vicinity of Chesnut street bridge. The Schuylkill Harbor Police rescued him and took him to his residence, on Sanson street, near Twenty-third.

SUICIDE.—Mrs. A. T. Simmers, residing at No. 430 North Seventh street, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by taking corrosive sublimate, which had been procured for other purposes. Her medical troubles are alleged as the cause for the sad act.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.—The Central News Company, No. 256 Chesnut street, send us the latest numbers of Punch and Fun. From Turner Bros. Co. we have received Every Saturday, Appleton's Journal, and Our Boys and Girls.

EX-SHERIFF LYLE'S OFFICE.—Peter Lyle, Esq., late Sheriff, has removed his books and papers to No. 520 Walnut street, room No. 12, second story, where all his unfinished business will be settled.

A SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—Anniversary exercises of the Sunday-school connected with the Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church will be held to-morrow afternoon in the church building.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES. Reported by De Haven & Bro., No. 40 S. Third street. SECOND BOARD.

Table showing stock exchange sales with columns for various stocks like 100 Pa & N Y Cts, 100 N Y & P, etc.

GRAND CONCERT AND READING BY THE CELEBRATED ELOCUTIONIST, S. K. MURDOCH, AT CONCERT HALL, ON TUESDAY EVENING, December 13, 1870, when he will be assisted by the following eminent talent:—MADAME JOSEPHINE SCHIMPF, Mezzo Soprano.

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